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1. Refugees who have recently escaped from Albania state that police squadrons are searching throughout the cities and towns of Albania for arms and ammunition. Despite their threats, the police have been unsuccessful as the people have had time to hide securely the arms abandoned by Italian units during World War II.
2. These refugees also state that in some localities of northeastern Albania, particularly in the Kukes area, the peasants have opposed by force the police who have even attempted to confiscate their hunting guns needed to protect their flocks from wolves. Because of famine conditions, the peasants in the mountains have been forced to shoot their dogs for food, and their hunting guns have become their only means of protection against wild animals.

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